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Mayor-designee Sheila Dixon Announces Transition Team, Structure and Goals for Immediate Future

Committees to Review Plans, Make Recommendations for Next Twelve Months

Baltimore, MD (November 17, 2006) – City Council President and Mayor-designee Sheila Dixon unveiled her 47-member transition team today. In addition to Co-Chairs Betty Bland-Thomas of the Sharp-Leadenhall community association and Woody Collins III of M&T Bank, President Dixon's administration will benefit from a diverse group with vast experience in education, government, social and human services, business and economic development.

"I look forward to working with such a distinguished and diverse group of proven leaders in Baltimore City and the region," said Dixon. "I am confident that my values and core priorities will be reflected in the Transition Team's forthcoming recommendations, which will help shape my administration."

The Dixon Transition Team has five committees. Each committee will be assigned a group of city agencies to review and report on within 45 days. The Transition Team is tasked with providing Mayor-designee Dixon with a final report by January 1, 2007.

Citizens are invited to send questions, comments or resumes for key leadership positions in the Dixon Administration to dixontransition@baltimorecity.gov.

Transition Team

LEADERSHIP

Co-Chairs

Betty Bland-Thomas, President, Sharp Leadenhall Planning Council, Inc.

Woody Collins III, President & COO, M&T Bank's Mid-Atlantic Division and Vice-Chair,
Greater Baltimore Committee

Co-Directors

Andrew Frank, Executive Vice President, Baltimore Development Corporation

Otis Rolley III, Director of Planning, Baltimore City

Committee Chairs (4)

Kenneth R. Banks, President, Banks Contracting and Treasurer, Maryland Democratic Party
Economic and Neighborhood Development Committee

Barbara Hoffman, former Senator, Maryland State Legislature, currently with the Artemis Group
Education and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Mark Wasserman, Senior Vice President of External Affairs, University of Maryland Health Systems
Office of the Mayor and Constituent Services Committee

Scot T. Spencer, Manager of Baltimore Relations, Annie E. Casey Foundation
Community and Social Services Committee

Committee Members

Mr. Percy Allen II, FACHE, Retired CEO, Bon Secours Baltimore Health System

Ms. Diane Bell-McKoy, President and CEO, Associated Black Charities of Maryland

Mr. James Piper Bond, President and CEO, Living Classrooms Foundation

Ms. Edie Brown, President, Edie Brown & Associates

Mr. Javier Bustamante, Chair, Hispanic Roundtable

Ms. Priscilla Carroll, General Counsel & Senior Development Director, Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, Inc.

Ms. Jackie Cornish, Executive Director, Druid Heights Community Development Corporation

Mr. Robert Embry Jr., President, The Abell Foundation

Dr. Anne Emory, Retired Assistant Superintendent of Baltimore City Public Schools

Mr. J. Kirby Fowler Jr., President, Baltimore Downtown Partnership

Mr. Jay French, The French Company, The French Company, Inc

Mr. Donald Fry, President, Greater Baltimore Committee

Ms. Laura Gamble, President, Maryland, Bank Of America

Mr. Benjamin Glenn, Eastern District Representative, United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America

Ms. Vera P. Hall, Educator, Community Activist and Former Head of the Maryland Democratic Party

Mr. Michael Hankin, Partner & CEP, Brown Advisory

Rev. Jamal Harrison-Bryant, Founder & Pastor, Empowerment Temple

Mr. Bert Hash Jr., President & CEO, Municipal Employees Credit Union

Senator Verna Jones, Maryland State Legislature; Chair, MD Legislative Black Caucus

Mr Laurence Katz, Dean Emeritus, University of Baltimore School of Law
Ms. Eun "Ann" Kim, CPA, Founder & President, Coalition of Korean American Organizations
Mr. Joseph T. "Jody" Landers, III, Executive Vice President, Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors
Delegate Salima Siler Marriott, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. J.S. Park, Senior Advisor to KAGRO, J&J Discount Liquors
Mr. Ronald Peterson, President, Johns Hopkins Health System
Ms. Milli Pierce, President & CEO, Fund for Educational Excellence
Mr. J. Scott Plank, Senior Vice President of Retail, Under Armour
Mr. Nicolas Ramos, President, Spanish Business Association
Ms. Kelley Ray, Vice President, Government Relations, Health Facilities Associations of Maryland
Mr. William Roberts, President, Verizon Maryland
Ms. Debbie Rock, MSW, President, LIGHT Health & Wellness, Inc
Mr. Edward Rutkowski, Executive Director, Patterson Park CDC
Ms. Laurie Schwartz, President, LS Consulting, Inc.
Mr. Mark Sissman, President, Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc.
Ms. Lillian Sydnor, Commissioner, Baltimore City Human Services Commission
Dr. Walter Scott Thomas, Senior Pastor, New Psalmist Baptist Church
Mr. Chuck Tildon, Vice President Marketing and Communications, United Way of Central Maryland
Mr. Hector Torres, Board of Directors, First Mariner Bank; President, PROSABER Consulting
Rev. Alfred C.D. Vaughn, Senior Pastor, Sharon Baptist Church
Mr. Wim Wiewel, Provost & Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, University of Baltimore
Mr. Thurman Zollicoffer, Esq., Attorney, Whiteford, Taylor, & Preston

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